

Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9

Offshore Isl.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CODE WORD MATERIAL

NSA Declassification/Release Instructions on File.

Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9

NSC BRIEFING

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~ Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9 6 April 1955

BACKGROUND - CHINESE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

SC 02055.55

- I. The lull in military operations in the Formosa Straits has continued for another week.
 - A. Chinese Nationalist claims of a sizable increase in ChiCom naval strength along the mainland coast opposite the Matsus (some 39 ships, including 6 to 11 LST's were allegedly spotted in area on 3 April) are not accepted, and the ChiCom naval build-up seems instead to be small. Only two LST's and several small craft are known to have reinforced ChiCom naval units in the Foochow area. Larger warships, which would be expected prior to major assaults, are not yet there.

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~

B. The Nationalists also allege that an additional ChiCom army (50,000-60,000 troops) moved to the Foochow area in late March. Whether or not such a move was actually made, the 57,000 ChiCom troops already known to be in the Foochow area represent a force sufficient to capture any or all of Matsus Group, if defended only by Nationalist forces.

25X1D1ax
NSA

II. The ChiComs meanwhile are continuing to improve airfields in the coastal area.

-2-

Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~

- A. The airfield at Luchiao (near Haimen, west of the Tachens), which has been under construction since last winter, is now operational.

Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9

25X1C8b

1. Luchiao makes the second ChiCom air base within 175 miles of the Matsus. The other is at Chuhsien, which was completed last fall.

25X1C8b

- B. Renovation work is proceeding rapidly at Nantai airfield (near Foochow, and only 35 miles west of the Matsus), and ~~MAAG estimates the concrete runways can be completed by June.~~
- C. Construction work is also in evidence at Swatow airfield, 110 miles southwest of Quemoy.

Approved For Release 2001/09/01 : CIA-RDP80R01443R000300300008-9

~~TOP SECRET EIDER~~